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SUBJECT: APR 10 NAC AGENDA ITEM V, ANY OTHER BUSINESS, SHIP

HIGH FREQUENCY (HF) WIDEBAND TELEGRAPHY CHANNELS

REFS: A. PO/74/29, 26 MAR 74

B. MCM-22-74, 20 MAR 74

C. USNATO 1669, 271545Z MAR 74

D. STATE 66325, 022307Z APR 74 (NOTAL

1. SUMMARY. REF D EXPRESSED US CONCURRENCE IN ACTG SEC GEN
PO/74/29 ON SHIP HIGH FREQUENCY WIDEBAND TELEGRAPHY CHANNELS
(REF A) AND MILITARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (REF B) TO
DEFEND NATO NAVAL INTERESTS IN HF WIDEBAND TELEGRAPH CHANNELS
AGAINST USSR PROPOSAL TO REDUCE BOTH NUMBER AND BANDWIDTH.
ALL NATO NATIONS AGREED REF A EXCEPT DENMARK, WHICH EXPRESSED
RESERVATION, SUBJECT TO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION
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END SUMMARY.

2. SUBJECT WAS BROUGHT UP UNDER ITEM V, ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT
APRIL 10 MEETING OF NAC BY GREECE, SUBMITTING FOLLOWING

COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO REF A. QUOTE: GREECE WOULD NOT WISH TO OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF HF WIDEBAND TELEGRAPHY WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THIS SOLUTION, HOWEVER, CREATES CERTAIN DREW-BACKS WITH RESPECT TO OUR NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MARITIME RADIOTELEPHONY AS WAS ALREADY STATED BY THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JOINT ARFA MEETING IN JANUARY 1974. THESE REQUIREMENTS COULD BE MET BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY GREECE TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION, WHICH ARE DUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON THE 22D APRIL 1974. ACCORDING TO THIS PROPOSAL, THE NEW FREQUENCIES MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TRANSFER OF DSB MARITIME TELEPHONY TO THE SSB SHOULD BE ALLOTTED ON THE BASIS OF THE REAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WHICH ACCEPTING THE SOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WE EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT OUR ALLIES WILL SUPPORT THE AFOREMENTIONED GREEK PROPOSALS AT THE IMMINENT CONFERENCE OF THE ITU IN GENEVA. END QUOTE.

3. GREECE REQUESTED THAT ITS STATEMENT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF NATO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. MISSION COMMENT. HF MARITIME TELEPHONY BANDS MENTIONED BY GREECE ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE BY MERCHANT SHIPPING. THERE IS NO DIRECT NATO INTEREST IN THOSE CHANNELS, UNLESS IN THEIR REVISION AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO ALTER PRESENT ALLOCATIONS OF WIDEBAND TELEGRAPHY CHANNELS WHICH ARE NOW SET ASIDE FOR NATO NAVAL USE. PURPOSE OF MC RECOMMENDATION (REF B) IS TO DEFEND PRESENT HF WIDEBAND TELEGRAPHY ALLOCATIONS FOR NATO NAVAL USE AGAINST USSR PROPOSAL TO REDUCE BOTH THEIR NUMBER AND BANDWIDTH. END COMMENT.

4. DENMARK PLACED RESERVATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF REF A AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF REF B, PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS FROM COPENHAGEN.

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